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TITLE: Apparatus for manufacturing management using a wireless device

Abstract Text (1):

A method of inventory management is described. Upon activation of a button on a wireless device, the wireless device having a light source and a transceiver with a unique media address corresponding to a unique product, the device broadcasts a first signal including an order command and the unique media address by the transceiver via a wireless medium. A central controller then receives the first signal, identifies the unique media address included in the first signal, and using a database, identifies the unique product associated with the unique media address.

Brief Summary Text (8):

The present invention provides an efficient wireless-based call replenishment system that is designed to order replacement parts on a real-time, as-needed basis. This system makes the manufacturing process easier by eliminating the wiring necessary to establish the prior art wired system. Such a system may also be easily reconfigured based on the changing layout of the manufacturing process.

Detailed Description Text (2):

As shown in FIG. 1, an embodiment of the present invention consists of a wireless pendant 10 that is designed to order replacement parts in the manufacturing process in a simple and efficient manner. FIG. 1 illustrates a wireless pendant 10 with a body 12, a push-button 16 and an LED 14.

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## CLAIMS:

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the indicator further comprises a light source, activating the indicator in the first manner further comprises activating the light source at first blinking rate, and activating the indicator in the second manner further comprises activating the light source at a second blinking rate different than the first blinking rate.

15. The method of claim 11, wherein the indicator further comprises a light source, activating the indicator in the first manner further comprises activating the light source at first blinking rate, and activating the indicator in the second manner further comprises activating the light source at a second blinking rate different than the first blinking rate.

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